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**2008 Legislative Agenda**  
**Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League of America**

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The Izaak Walton League of America was founded 80 years ago because there was a concern that the fresh water supply was at risk. The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League continues to be defenders of soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife. We feel that the fresh water supply is at risk again and have set these legislative goals to preserve it.

**Natural Resources Sustainable Funding**

The Governor appointed a committee to study this issue. The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League supports this issue. A percent of each penny of tax money should be used for sustainable funding and supplemented by casino revenues.

**REAP**

The Resource Enhancement program helps all Iowans and is an excellent program that should be fully funded, as it improves the quality of life in Iowa.

**Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operations (CAFO'S)**

Air monitoring machines have not provided credible data and the matrix have not worked well. A moratorium should be placed on new concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO'S) so that water and air quality studies, land-use studies and studies, on manure distribution, utilization, and application can be completed and evaluated.

The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League recommends measures necessary to ensure that livestock confinement facilities are operated in ways that adequately protect the environment and quality of life.

**Fines for spills should fully cover damages.**

**Anti Litter (Bottle Bill) Law**

The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League proposes the addition of individual (glass and plastic) water and juice containers to this law. We support reuse and recycling of these containers, but, this legislation was passed primarily as an **anti-litter law**, and has been extremely successful in this state. We support an increase in handling fees to those who redeem these containers.

**Dove Hunting Season**

Doves are the number one game bird in the USA. A dove season is supported by the DNR. Iowa is one of the few States in the dove fly zone without a season.

Doves are listed as a game bird species in the Code of Iowa.

Mourning doves are a sustainable and renewable natural resource that annually produce a harvestable surplus that can be utilized by hunters.

Iowa Division Mission Statement

**"THE IOWA DIVISION SHALL ASSIST IOWA CHAPTERS THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION  
TOWARD UNIFIED STRENGTH IN CONSERVATION"**

### **Water**

A comprehensive study of the consumption and availability of water in the State need to be done as soon as possible.

Our deep confined aquifer, the Jordan, has shown declines regionally, and bears watching. Shallower bedrock aquifers have shown more localized lowering of water levels. The water quantity issue is a growing one, as population becomes more centralized, as livestock has done the same, as rural water systems replace private wells, and recently with growth of ethanol plants and geothermal cooling wells. This state as not paid sufficient attention to this for the last 20 years. This needs to change. Ethanol by itself will be a challenge, but frankly our whole water resource management information approach needs to be evaluated.

State water plans need to be a policy and supported financially.

We need funding for wetlands and total maximum daily load (TMDL) programs to keep our rivers clean. The IOWATER program should be kept in place and fully funded.

Small towns need funding or grants to bring their sewage treatment facilities into compliance. Statewide guidelines should be required for septic tank and a disposal plan submitted.

### **Deer Farms**

The DNR should have the responsibility to check the health of all deer on private as well as State property. Any elk, deer or other cervids, brought into the State should be registered and a record kept by the DNR, to protect against Chronic Wasting and Other Diseases. A fee should be set for the DNR testing. An appropriate fee should be set for the operation of an animal shooting preserve.

### **Agricultural Use of Antibiotics**

Agricultural use of antibiotics need to be reviewed. In addition to other regulations the addition of phosphorous control and antibiotic usage regulations needed to be added to CAFO'S regulations.

### **Water Shed Management**

Buffer zones should be subsidized and encouraged to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

### **Energy**

Iowa Ikes support energy development and the expansion of the use of renewable resources. We should use more wind generators and biomass, which are easily produced in Iowa.

### **Channel Catfish**

The Iowa Division of the Izaak Walton League endorses the channel catfish to be designated as the State of Iowa Fish.